

Amendments to the Specification:

Amendments to the Specification place it in a more appropriate arrangement. An abstract is provided as presented on page 3 of this paper. To address the Examiner's comment regarding improper incorporation by reference, an amendment is made to modify the reference to WO -94/25655, formerly on page 11, lines 9-11 substituting the corresponding US patent 5,695,008 in its place. No new matter is provided by these amendments.

A substitute specification is provided herewith. A version with changes marked is provided as well as a clean version. Some reordering of the paragraphs was performed to better arrange the specification according to US formatting. No new matter is included in the substitute specification.

The specification is amended to include the following abstract:

Abstract

A process and plant for laying a pipe in a trench comprising placing a flattened tubular preform in the trench, the perform having a reinforcement surrounding an inner seal, the reinforcement being impregnated with a resin, and inflating the perform in the trench.